

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Jim Webber, Paul Deziel, Sarah Atkins Hoggatt

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Mroz

Roll call taken. Chairman Webber called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MOTION BY Deziel, second by Webber to approve the May 13, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PRIVATE DRIVE AT THE LANDFILL PROPERTY AT 1150 KRATTLEY LANE Mroz referenced a map of the city-owned property known as the old landfill site on Krattley Lane. He noted the city capped the landfill site many years ago and since then uses it primarily for storage of equipment, woodchips, sweepings and leases a portion of the property to the Hudson Boosters for ballfields.

Mroz stated the access road is a private drive serving city employees, users of the ballfields and user of the Rod & Gun Club. He noted a citizen has expressed concerns with the excessive dust caused from the vehicular traffic that goes pass their property near the entrance to the Rod & Gun Club.

Mroz stated the city has treated the road annually with a calcium chloride spray to help reduce the dust. Noted the cost is \$1600 per year. The overall Committee recommended city staff to negotiate a cost sharing plan between the city, village and Rod and Gun Club and to recommend a written agreement.

REVIEW DRAFT POLICY FOR CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT Mroz provided a draft policy for curb and gutter replacements. He noted property owners are currently assessed at 50/50 of the total replacement cost.

Mroz stated the capital improvement fund have allocated funds annually for the sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement program. He noted the inventory of the sidewalks, curb, gutters and pedestrian crossings will be incorporated into the GIS system and will provide deficiencies to assist with the costs for the improvements.

The overall Committee recommended the policy include language to allow the city the flexibility to the schedule replacements as needed and to also provide procedures for homeowners to request improvements. This item will be included on the next agenda.

REVIEW DRAFT POLICY FOR ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS Mroz stated currently the city does not have an alley improvement plan in place that allows staff to address issues related to the alleys. He noted the current special assessment for alley improvements is 100% for commercial and 50/25/25 for residential areas. He suggested a rating system for the alleys be implemented.

The overall Committee agreed to collect the alley data and implement a rating system of the alleys.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE 11TH STREET/HEGGEN STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND Mroz stated the Plan Commission have

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held discussions concerning the capacity issues on the 11th Street Bridge and requested engineers to provide guidance on how the City should proceed.

Mroz noted the routine inspection of the bridge was done in 2018 and deficiencies noted included cracking and spalling of the center pier columns and flaking of paint in the lower portion of the bridge. Noted that overall deck is in relatively good condition.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Atkins Hoggatt to authorize city staff to obtain a LOE for a traffic study to be done for the Heggen Street Bridge at 11th and Coulee Road and Crest View Drive & Heggen. The Committee discussed various options for improving the flow of traffic for the area and wants to be sure to consider future connecting bike and pedestrian crossings. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: URBAN FORESTRY Mroz stated the WI DNR Urban Forestry grant includes services to provide a Strategic management plan for EAB which also includes updating the inventory. He stated Bluestem Forestry Consulting firm has been awarded the contract and will begin their work within the upcoming months.

Mroz stated the removal of ash trees in the Heritage Green development is on schedule and property owners have been notified of the removals.

Mroz stated the two-day Arbor Day celebration included roughly 75 students from Trinity School, St Pats School and EP Rock school. He stated the program included tree identification as part of the implemented tree treks in the downtown historic district and a new tree trek in the EP Rock School vicinity. He added that volunteers took part in the Lakefront Park celebration and planted trees.

PROJECT UPDATE Mroz stated the crack filling and seal coating program from 2018 is completed. Noted the 2019 program was recently approved by the Common Council.

Mroz stated the Vine Street Improvement project has started up with detours being posted. Noted the engineers are monitoring the traffic flow and will make adjustments as needed. He added the temporary sanitary sewer and water lines are in place for the project.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Atkins Hoggatt to adjourn the meeting. 6:44 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,
Deb Andrews, Secretary